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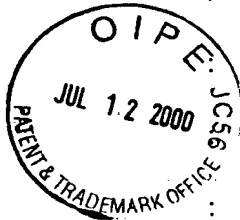
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For: 16-HYDROXYESTRADIENES AS SELECTIVELY ACTIVE ESTROGENS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 1, please insert:

*A1* --This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/131,268 filed April 27, 1999.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

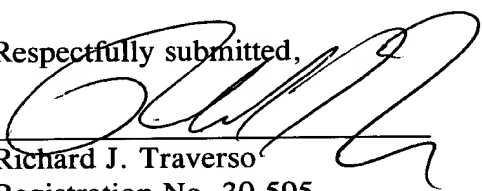
**Claim 23,** line 1: Delete "one of claims 1 to 22," and insert --claim 1--.

**Claim 52,** line 2: Delete "one of claims 1 to 25" and insert --claim 1--.

**REMARKS**

The amendment to the specification is believed to be self-explanatory. The purpose of the claim amendments is to eliminate the multiple dependency of the claims in order to avoid the additional fee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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